

F HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BARRETT LIBRARY

The C. Waller Barrett Library of American Literature at the Alderman Library of The University of Virginia includes superb F items. Some of the outstanding pieces are listed here.

BOOKS

SAFETY FIRST! Inscribed: "For Ruth Sturtevant Wishing you a very snakey Xmas vacation F. Scott Fitzgerald." With holograph corrections, notes, and an extra verse to "It is Art":

The frank and open heroine of fiction
 The kind our mother's think they used to be
 Who gathered morning glories
 And sneered at "snappy stories"
 Is absent from the present century
 The rule of the survival of the fittest
 Applies as well to matters of the heart
 To snare the millionaire
 A girl need not be fair
 Its all a matter (I've been told) of art!

Refrain

Art Art the debutante's delight makes
 the lamest ducks look smart
 Both her color after dinner and the
 thing that makes her thinner
 must rank as distinctly Art!

F notes that pp. 51-52 were shuffled by the printer. At p. 92 after the words, "I've been around triangling" F wrote: "(Not this year tho' as I still have my old Chemistry condition)."

B&D

- [1] 2nd printing in dj, inscribed: "The phrase: 'Beautiful but Dumb' was this book's contribution to its time. F Scott Fitzgerald It has awful spots but some good ones. I was trying to learn."
- [2] 1st printing, inscribed: "For Mother—This book which I feel sure you won't like but which I assure you is not about me. With love from F Scott Fitzgerald St. Paul, Minn Feb 6th, 1922"
- [3] 1st printing, inscribed: "For Joseph Hergesheimer from F Scott Fitzgerald who thinks he will find no warmth in this cold hell. St. Paul."
- [4] 2nd printing, binding state 2, substate B—made up from sheets of 1st and 2nd printings.

TITN

- [1] One of 500 copies of the first printing in wrappers.
- [2] 1st printing, in T cloth with dj, inscribed: "Dear Joe Its been a long time, but we remember. Love to you both always! Scott (and by proxy) Zelda"
- [3] Reprint, inscribed: "Dear Joe <Hergesheimer>:

"You talked to someone who didn't like this book—I don't know who, or why they didn't. But I could tell in the Stafford Bar that afternoon when you said it was 'almost impossible to write a book about an actress' that you hadn't read it thru because the actress fades out of it in the first third & is only a catalytic agent.

"Sometime you will open it at the middle, perhaps at page 155 & read on for five or ten minutes—? If it were not for my sincere admiration for your judgement I would forgo this plea. You were not the only one repelled by the apparent triviality of the opening—I would like this favorite among my books to have another chance in the chrystal light of your taste

Ever yrs

F Scott Fitzgerald

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TSOP

- [1] 1st printing, inscribed "W. R. K Taylor Jr. Cottage Club from the W. K. <well-known> Author F Scott Fitzgerald Princeton, NJ March 29th, 1920 Cottage Club."

- [2] 3rd printing with tipped-in leaf for ABA convention. Aqua boards with orange cloth shelfback. Printed paper label on spine.

CORRECTED TYPESCRIPTS

"Show Mr. and Mrs. F. to Number—" 8 p. Printer's copy.

"The Fiend," 8 p. Printer's copy.

LETTERS

10 letters to Ruth Sturtevant:

- [1] ALS, Princeton, "May Something or Other" [1915?], 8 p. Flirting letter.
 - [2] ALS, n.p., n.d., [Nov. 1915?], 8 p. About Princeton-Yale game and Ginevra King.
 - [3] AL signed "Geo Washington," n.p., n.d., "The Sunny South" [Camp Sheridan, 1918], 1 p. "I am in love!"
 - [4] ALS, n.p., 24 June [Camp Sheridan, 1918], 1 p. Despondent over love affair.
 - [5] ALS, Camp Sheridan, "1st of Winter" 1918, 1 p. "... my mind is firmly made up that I will not, shall not, can not, should not, must not marry—still she is remarkable—I'm trying desperately *exire armis*."
 - [6] ALS, Cottage Club, 26 March 1920, 2 p. Impending marriage.
 - [7] ALS, The Allerton [NY?], n.d. [1920], 1 p. Impending marriage and novel.
 - [8] ALS, The Biltmore [NY?], n.d. [postmarked 7 April 1920], 1 p. He is married.
 - [9] ALS, Westport, Conn., n.d. [postmarked 14 May 1920], 2 p. He has rented a house.
 - [10] ALS, Dellwood, White Bear Lake, Minn., 12 Sept. 1921, 1 p. Encloses birth announcement and photo of ship named "Sturtevant."
- ALS, to Mrs. [] Sturtevant, n.p., n.d., [Jan. 1916?], 2 p. Mentions his malaria.
- ALS, to F. P. Adams, Westport, Conn., 11 Sept. 1920, 1 p. Requests information about H. O. McIntyre.
- ALS, to [Alfred] Dashiell, Lausanne, n.d., 1 p. About article in progress.
- ALS, to [] Gellett, Lausanne, n.d., 1 p. Refuses invitation.
- ALS, to Ruth A. Conley, n.p., n.d., 1 p. Joking reply to fan letter.
- TLS, to Frank [], La Paix, 11 Oct. 1933, 1 p. About Ring Lardner.

TLS, to Dayton Kohler, Montgomery, 25 Jan. 1932, 1 p. Reply to a scholar who had written an article about him.

ALS, to [] Maurice, Great Neck, n.d. [1922-23], 2 p. About reviewing an Anderson novel.

Carbon of cablegram, *Scribner's Magazine* to F, 21 July 1931. Inquiries about overdue article.

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